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STATE (ALSO) FOR DAS HEGINBOTHAM

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, JA
SUBJECT: SUBCABINET MEETINGS WITH JAPAN

REF: STATE 170036

1. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS
THEY HAVE RAISED WITH US THE IDEA OF OUR SUBMITTING A BRIEF
TALKING PAPER ON EACH AGENDA ITEM IN THE SUBCABINET TALKS.
THIS WAS RAISED BY DAS HEGINBOTHAM EARLIER IN WASHINGTON (SEE
REFTEL).

2. AFTER SOME HESITATION FOREIGN MINISTRY NOW THINKS SUCH
SUBMISSIONS FROM US AHEAD OF THE SUBCABINET
MEETING WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL AS A DEVICE TO ENCOURAGE
OTHER PARTICIPATING MINISTRIES TO RESPOND MEANINGFULLY TO
OUT PRESENTATION. THE KEY MINISTRY IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO APPLY PRESSURE AND ASSURE
A SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE FROM THAT MINISTRY.

3. OUR VIEW IS THAT VERY BRIEF TALKING PAPERS, NOT
MORE THAN A PAGE OR TWO DOUBLE SPACED, ON EACH ITEM,
WOULD BE EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN PRODDING THE GLACIAL
JAPANESE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS INTO ACTION. THE
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EARLIER WE CAN TABLE THEM THE BETTER. TO PRESERVE
FLEXIBILITY WE WOULD MAKE IT CLEAR TO FOREIGN MINISTRY
THAT OUR PAPERS ARE NOT POSITION PAPERS, BUT REPRESENT
ONLY PRELIMINARY VIEWS TO STIMULATE DISCUSSION AND
WHICH OBVIOUSLY WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED FULLY ACROSS
THE TABLE. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT WE DO NOT EXPECT
RECIPROCAL PAPERS FROM THE JAPANESE, BUT THAT WE DO

EXPECT THE JAPANESE WILL RESPOND TO OUR POINTS MEANINGFULLY DURING THE SEPTEMBER TALKS.

4. PLEASE INFORM US IF TALKING POINTS PAPERS CAN BE SUBMITTED AND, IF SO, BY WHEN.

5. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INDICATION OF PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS DELEGATION WOULD LIKE. FOREIGN MINISTRY PLANS TO USE TALKS FOR INCREASING UNDERSTANDING OF LESS-INTERNATIONALLY ORIENTED PARTS OF GOJ, SO SOME MEETINGS MAY HAVE A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF OBSERVERS.

6. AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO GIVE DINNER SEPTEMBER 13 FOR DELEGATION. PLEASE ADVISE AS TO DEPARTURE DATE AND TIME.
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